No. 9—*continued.*—Return of Field-work executed by the Staff and Contract Surveyors, from 1st July, 1891, to 31st March, 1892.

LAND DISTRICT OF MARLBOROUGH.

Surveyor and District.	Topographical Survey. Acres.	Cost per Acre.	Total Cost.	Minor Triangulation. Acres.	Cost per Acre.	Total Cost.	Topographical Survey for Selection under "The Land Act, 1887." Acres.	Cost per Acre.	Total Cost.	Rural and Suburban. Acres.	No. of Sections.	Cost per Acre.	Total Cost.	Town Section Survey. Acres.	No. of Allotments.	Cost per Allotment.	Total Cost.	Native Land Court Survey. Acres.	No. of Secs. or Divs.	Cost per Acre.	Total Cost.	Gold-mining Surveys. Acres.	No. of Sections.	Cost per Acre.	Total Cost.	Roads, Railways, and Water-races. Miles.	Cost per Mile.	Total Cost.	Other Work. Cost.	Total Cost of Surveyor and Party from 1st July, 1891, to 31st March, 1892.	Remarks.
		d.	£ s. d.		d.	£ s. d.		d.	£ s. d.			s. d.	£ s. d.			£ s. d.	£ s. d.			s. d.	£ s. d.	A. R. P.		s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
R. F. Goulter (Staff)—																															
Wakamarina										3,168	13	1/4·6	219 16 2																		
Linkwater																													20 0 0		Rough hilly bush country. No cadet assisting.
Orieri										*284	8	0/10·6	12 12 0																		*Revised.
Arapawa																		1,616	4	1/7·9	134 0 0										Rough hilly bush country.
Linkwater																										8¾	15 17 7	138 18 7		572 5 0	Land-plan road survey. Principally open country, some patches of bush.
Orieri, Gore				7,800	1	32 10 0																									Subsidiary triangulation in connection with scattered section surveys.
A. D. Wilson (authorised), Molesworth										1,056	4	0/10·07	44 6 8																	44 6 8	Open undulating country. Surveyed on application and requisition by Land Board.
A. J. C. Ward (authorised), Avon										782	3	1/4·3	53 3 7																	53 3 7	Open hilly country. Surveyed on application and requisition by Land Board.
J. A. Robertson (contract), Wakamarina																														79 0 0	Preparing 5,500 acres for settlement, and trigonometrical and topographical survey in connection therewith.
Means and totals				7,800	1	32 10 0				5,290	28	1/3	329 18 5					1,616	4	1/7·9	134 0 0					8¾	15 17 7	138 18 7	20 0 0	748 15 3	

LAND DISTRICT OF NELSON.

Surveyor and District.	Topographical Survey. Acres.	Cost per Acre.	Total Cost.	Minor Triangulation. Acres.	Cost per Acre.	Total Cost.	Topographical Survey for Selection under "The Land Act, 1887." Acres.	Cost per Acre.	Total Cost.	Rural and Suburban. Acres.	No. of Sections.	Cost per Acre.	Total Cost.	Town Section Survey. Acres.	No. of Allotments.	Cost per Allotment.	Total Cost.	Native Land Court Survey. Acres.	No. of Secs. or Divs.	Cost per Acre.	Total Cost.	Gold-mining Surveys. Acres.	No. of Sections.	Cost per Acre.	Total Cost.	Roads, Railways, and Water-races. Miles.	Cost per Mile.	Total Cost.	Other Work. Cost.	Total Cost of Surveyor and Party from 1st July, 1891, to 31st March, 1892.	Remarks.
J. Snodgrass. Ohika, Kawatiri, and Mokihinui				4,450	3	55 12 6				254	35	6/6	82 11 0									396 0 0	15	8/6	168 6 0	7¼	8 0 0	58 0 0	170 12 7	557 3 4	Mountainous bush country. Goldfield. No cadet.
J. Montgomerie. Reefton and Mawheraiti										117	3	2/11	16 15 5	9	125	0 14 1	87 18 8					709 0 0	27	9/	317 12 1	3½	9 8 4	34 14 4	195 0 2	625 8 6	Ditto.
R. T. Sadd. Waitapu, Takaka, and Aorere																						30 0 0	1	3/8	5 12 0				454 12 11	425 17 4	5,430 acres. Section survey; field work completed. 775 acres in progress; 1,100 acres partly open; remainder rough bush country. Goldfield.
J. D. Thompson. McArthur and Aorere							60,000	¼	105 10 0																				244 9 0	327 6 4	2,272 acres. Section survey; field work completed. 700 acres in hand, one-third open, remainder rough bush country. Goldfield.
F. S. Smith and F. A. Thompson. Tekoa, Skiddaw, and Mandamus										20,186	8	/6·53	547 10 10													8	22 8 8	179 9 6	836 15 8	867 9 10	56,820 acres. Midland Railway and revision survey, completed in field but not plotted. Mr. F. A. Thompson transferred to North Island. Open country, not in goldfield. Cadet part of time.
F. E. Greenfield. Waimea, Waiiti, and Gordon										7,217	44	1/2	420 19 10													2	6 0 0	12 0 0	30 10 0	563 10 8	Rough bush country. Not in goldfield. No cadet.
Means and totals				4,450	3	55 12 6	60,000	¼	105 10 0	27,774	90	/9	1,067 17 1	9	125	0 14 1	87 18 8					1135 0 0	43	8/8	491 10 1	20¾	13 13 11	284 3 10	1,932 0 4	3,366 16 0	
Authorised Surveyors.																															
J. B. Saxon										1,112	6	2/5	134 11 6																	134 11 6	Rough bush country. Not in goldfield. No cadet.
A. P. Rawson										1,189	12	2/7·3	155 6 6																	193 0 0	Ditto.
G. B. Sinclair										2,193	13	1/10·2	202 16 0																	202 16 0	Ditto.
W. Darby										415	3	3/2·5	66 3 9																	89 3 9	Ditto.
C. Lewis										1,096	6	1/6·4	84 1 9																	84 1 9	Ditto.
Means and totals										6,005	40	2/1·7	642 19 6																	703 13 0	
Grand means and totals				4,450	3	55 12 6	60,000	¼	105 10 0	33,779	130	1/0·1	1,710 16 7	9	125	0 14 1	87 18 8					1135 0 0		8/8	491 10 1	20¾	13 13 11	284 3 10	1,932 0 4	4,070 9 0	Less £957, fees paid on surveys during nine months.

LAND DISTRICT OF WESTLAND.

Surveyor and District.	Topographical Survey. Acres.	Cost per Acre.	Total Cost.	Minor Triangulation. Acres.	Cost per Acre.	Total Cost.	Topographical Survey for Selection under "The Land Act, 1887." Acres.	Cost per Acre.	Total Cost.	Rural and Suburban. Acres.	No. of Sections.	Cost per Acre.	Total Cost.	Town Section Survey. Acres.	No. of Allotments.	Cost per Allotment.	Total Cost.	Native Land Court Survey. Acres.	No. of Secs. or Divs.	Cost per Acre.	Total Cost.	Gold-mining Surveys. Acres.	No. of Sections.	Cost per Acre.	Total Cost.	Roads, Railways, and Water-races. Miles.	Cost per Mile.	Total Cost.	Other Work. Cost.	Total Cost of Surveyor and Party from 1st July, 1891, to 31st March, 1892.	Remarks.
Staff District Surveyor.																															
W. G. Murray	21,400	/0·48	43 0 0				21,560	/3·08	358 1 10	774	42	4/0¾	157 8 0															10 0 0	108 0 0	640 13 1	Widely scattered surveys in a broken heavily bushed country subject to excessive rainfall; expensive goldfields district. No cadet assisting.
Assistant Staff Surveyor.																															
W. Wilson. Bruce Bay, Gillespie's, Kanieri, Mahinapua, Karangarua, Tearoha, Totara, and Waiho	3,500	/1·4	20 2 0				13,000	/2·5	139 17 6	551	12	5/	137 15 0									39 0 0	1	7/2·8	14 2 0	13	19 10 0	253 10 0	17 14 6	549 11 10	Heavily timbered broken country, section surveys scattered and in small areas; expensive goldfields district; cost of work also considerably enhanced by prevalence of wet weather. No cadet assisting.
Contract Surveyors.																															
J. N. Smyth. Totara and Waimea																						144 0 0	3	4/1	29 5 9					29 5 9	Gold-mining dredging claims in river-beds.
E. J. Lord. Arnold and Waimea										5	1	24/	6 0 0									30 0 0	1	5/0·2	7 10 6				12 19 0	26 9 6	Gold-mining district, heavily timbered.
H. Wylde. Arnold										10	1	12/	6 0 0																	6 0 0	Expensive gold-mining district, heavily timbered.
Means and totals	24,900	/0·6	63 2 0				34,560	/3·4	497 19 4	1,340	56	4/7	307 3 0									213 0 0	5	4/9·3	50 18 3	13	20 5 4	263 10 0	138 13 6	1,252 0 2	
																						By credit: Mining survey, Midland Railway lands, survey, &c., fees								184 18 3	
																														1,067 1 11	

LAND DISTRICT OF CANTERBURY.

Surveyor and District.	Topographical Survey. Acres.	Cost per Acre.	Total Cost.	Minor Triangulation. Acres.	Cost per Acre.	Total Cost.	Topographical Survey for Selection under "The Land Act, 1887." Acres.	Cost per Acre.	Total Cost.	Rural and Suburban. Acres.	No. of Sections.	Cost per Acre.	Total Cost.	Town Section Survey. Acres.	No. of Allotments.	Cost per Allotment.	Total Cost.	Native Land Court Survey. Acres.	No. of Secs. or Divs.	Cost per Acre.	Total Cost.	Gold-mining Surveys. Acres.	No. of Sections.	Cost per Acre.	Total Cost.	Roads, Railways, and Water-races. Miles.	Cost per Mile.	Total Cost.	Other Work. Cost.	Total Cost of Surveyor and Party from 1st July, 1891, to 31st March, 1892.	Remarks.
Staff Surveyors.																															
J. S. Welch. Ashley										8,185	Pt. 1	/4	*136 5 11																18 18 0	550 8 8	Hilly pastoral country with rough river traverses in deep gorges.
										5,053	4	/10·5	†221 1 4																		* Balance area of Midland Block XLV., against part area of which block £526 0s. 9d. was charged last year. † Major portion of Midland Block XLV.
										308	2	/5·5	7 2 0																		
T. N. Brodrick. Waimate and Geraldine							32,320	/1·2	168 4 8	2,268	21	1/0·2	115 7 0													8	1 11 4	12 11 0	51 8 0	492 9 2	Hilly pastoral country, difficult of access, intersected by tortuous roads, and surrounded by old surveys; rural sectional surveys very scattered.
G. H. M. McClure. Ashley, Akaroa, and Selwyn										2,629	35	/9·3	101 17 10																146 9 10	445 17 11	Subdivision and sectional surveys, very scattered, necessitating much travelling by rail, road, and steamer; part of the work abutting on old surveys difficult to define. ‡ Parts Midland Railway Blocks LXII. and LXVII.
										182	7	2/1·4	‡19 5 4																		
L. O. Mathias. Ashley, Ashburton, and Waimate										8,581	111	/7·5	274 0 0													2	4 0 0	8 0 0	223 0 0	464 18 5	Settlement and subdivision surveys in the open plains and downs.
										53	2	3/4·8	§9 0 0																		§ Resurveys.
Contract Surveyors.																															
C. E. Fooks. Ashburton										27	1	5/2·2	7 0 0									111 0 0	2	3/	‖16 10 0					23 10 0	‖ Coal and limestone mining survey; rural section; hilly and scrubby land.
Means and totals							32,320	/1·2	168 4 8	27,286	184	/7·8	890 19 5									111 0 0	2	3/	16 10 0	10	2 0 1·1	20 11 0	439 15 10	1,977 4 2	